

JOHN A. O'BOYLE



1883—Born in Easkey, County Sligo, Ireland, of Irish parents.

1886—Came to the U. S. A., landing at Castle Garden, Battery Park, New York City, on the way to Taunton, Mass., where I lived until

1890—When I moved to New York City,

1891-1898—Attended public and parochial school graduating from the latter.

1898-1902—Solicited subscriptions for daily papers and magazines, also played minor league baseball.

1903-1905—Started in wholesale department of Lord & Taylors, as stockclerk.

1905-1908—Bookkeeper on general ledgers for James McCreery & Co.

1908-1910—Employed in wholesale coal business as general utility man; salesman, cashier, bookkeeper and weighing master.

1910-1915—Went with F. W. Woolworth Co. in wholesale warehouse as assistant to manager, also acting as chief order clerk; then entered the retail field as assistant manager and later as manager.

1915—Married Miss Catherine Phelan of Brooklyn, N. Y.

1915-1917—Came to middle west with the Boston Big Store Co., of Marion, Ind., to open a chain of 5 and 10c stores with 25c departments; after operating a year in this line they changed their policy to cut rate department stores, featuring popular priced millinery and ready-to-wear, which stores I also operated for them.

1917-1918—Traveling specialty salesman for Marshall Field Co., in Michigan.

1918-1920—District Sales Manager of Detroit and surrounding territory for Lyken Furniture & Auto Polish Co., which concern I left to go with S. S. Kresge Co., as assistant manager in Toledo; from there to assistant in Grand Rapids, and on January 24, was promoted to Manager of store in Brockton, Mass.

G. E. McCORMICK

1895—Born at Ripley, O., of Scotch-Irish parentage.

1901-1913—Graduated from grammar and high school.

1914—Entered 5 and 10c business with S. S. Kresge Co. Employed by Mr. L. H. Mathews at No. 61. Took special university night course.

1916—Assistant manager No. 61, Cincinnati.

1917—Assistant manager No. 72, St. Paul. Transferred as manager to store No. 167, Rock Island, Ill. Active in war work. Sold Liberty Bonds. Helped to raise \$150,000 for Patriotic Fund, \$75,000 for Y. M. C. A., \$20,000 for Salvation Army.

1918—In pursuance of the Kresge policy of Local Civic activities, joined the Y. M. C. A., Masons, Amos Grotto, B. P. O. E. Operated store with no shrinkage.

1919-1920—Active in Y. M. C. A. campaign for \$65,000. Organized troop of boy scouts. Was elected one of the governors of the Rock Island Kiwanis Club. Took correspondence course in commercial law.

